

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5772

UNCLAS FREETOWN 2292

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: BBAK, SL

SUBJ: CLOTHING SHIPMENT TO SIERRA LEONE

REF: STATE 169283

1. THE ALPHA WORLD ENTERPRISES IS REGISTERED IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA AND FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE. THE COMPANY'S FREETOWN OFFICE IS AT 17 UPPER EASTON STREET AND ITS OAKLAND OFFICE IS AT 1944-16TH AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. THE COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973. MR. OSMAN JALLOH ACTS AS A BROKER FOR CANNAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (SUPPLIER OF USED CLOTHING) OF 5130 HOVER AVENUE, DAYTON, OHIO, ON COMMISSION. IN ADDITION TO USED CLOTHING, THE COMPANY (FREETOWN BRANCH) IMPORTS USED CARS, CEMENT AND UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO.

2. BANKERS ARE BARCLAYS BANK SIERRA LEONE LTD., SIACA STEVENS STREET, FREETOWN; STANDARD BANK SIERRA LEONE LTD., WALLACE JOHNSON STREET, FREETOWN AND BARCLAYS BANK OF OAKLAND.

3. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS MAY IMPORT USED CLOTHES DUTY FREE PROVIDED CLOTHES ARE NOT FOR RESALE. UNLIKELY GOSL WOULD COVER SHIPPING COSTS OF USED CLOTHING. THE GOVERNMENT DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT ACCEPT SHIPMENT OF USED CLOTHING EXCEPT WHEN THE LOCAL IMPORTER FAILS TO EFFECT CLEARANCE OF HIS CONSIGNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT THEN AUCTIONS IT.

B. CUSTOMS ON USED CLOTHING AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY FORTY THREE CENTS PER POUND. IF IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT USED CLOTHING IS IMPORTED BY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION NO CUSTOM

DUTIES ARE LEVIED.

C. DOLLAR/LEONE EXCHANGE RATE IS DOLS US.87 EQUALS ONE LEONE  
AND HAS NOT VARIED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.  
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